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JANUARY 7, 2018
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Janet Linker

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Rogers (8:00)
Rev. Buckley (9:30)
Rev. Parks-Piatt (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP Confirmation Class (9:30/11:00)

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**All: Nations shall come to your light
and rulers to the brightness of your rising.**

One: Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will
not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

**All: The grace of God has dawned upon our world with healing
for all of us, and grace for all people everywhere.**

* **HYMN 56** (stanzas 1-4) *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL

GATHERING PRAYER Confirmation Class

**Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising
in splendor. The radiance of your living Word pierces the night
that covers the earth and signals the dawn of peace. May God's
brightness illuminate our lives and invite all nations to walk as
one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Word
made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as
God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you,"
and respond, "And also with you."*

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Confirmation Class (9:30/11:00)

Jesus, Word in flesh appearing,
in your life among us
there was a time to be born, and a time to die,
a time to laugh, and a time to weep,
a time to speak, and a time to be silent,
a time for peace, but never a time for war,
a time to heal, but never a time to kill,
a time to love, but never a time to hate.
Govern your church,
that day by day and year by year,
we may measure our life by your life,
to be inspired by your holy scriptures,
and follow your distinctive way. Amen.

- based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward. Essie Koenig-Reinke

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-12

Margie Perrett (8:00)

Sue Chandler (9:30)

Lynne Lande (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Another Time, Another Way

Rev. Sanderford

Responding

* **HYMN** (*see next page*) *The People Who Walked in Darkness*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30)

Rev. McGowan (11:00)

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come* Allen Pote

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Arise, and shine like the sun, and all nations shall come, and all kings will be drawn to the brightness of your rising. The sun shall no longer be your light, nor the brightness of the moon by night. But the Lord shall be your everlasting light, your God will be your everlasting light.
(*Isaiah 60:1, 3, 9*)

1 The peo - ple who walked in dark - ness a - wak - en to
 2 For God has en - larged the na - tion, and pros - pered the
 3 The yoke of de - spair and bond - age, the chains of the
 4 For us now a child is giv - en, for all the de -
 5 How vast is our God's do - min - ion! How far truth and

(D) (G) (B) (Em) (C/E)
 F B^b D Gm E^b/G

see a great light. The peo - ple who dwelt in the
 fruit of its land. God's peo - ple are blest with the
 slave mas - ter's rod are shat - tered and scat - tered like
 spised and for - lorn. The rule of com - pas - sion shall
 mer - cy ex - tend. The zeal of the Lord will ac -

(Em) (Bm) (Cmaj7) (Am7) (Bsus) (B)
 Gm Dm E^bmaj7 Cm7 Dsus D

land of the shad - ow rise to a star shin - ing bright.
 har - vest of vic - tory, gift from a boun - ti - ful hand.
 dust in a wind - storm, loosed by the jus - tice of God.
 rest on his shoul - der. God's own Mes - si - ah is born!
 com - pish its pur - pose: jus - tice shall reign with - out end.

Refrain (E) (Am7) (D) (G) (C) (F[#]dim7) (B) (Em)
 G Cm7 F B^b E^b Adim7 D Gm

His name is Won - der - ful, Coun - sel - or, Al - might - y God,

(Cmaj7) (G) (Am7) (D) 1(G)
 E^bmaj7 B^b Cm7 F B^b

Fa - ther for - ev - er, Prince of Peace.

2 (G) (B7sus) (B) Final (G) (C/G) (G)
 B^b D7sus D B^b E^b/B^b B^b

Peace. (to stanzas) Peace.

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,
 Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 heaven and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
 san - na in the high - est,— ho - san - na in the high-est.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray. At 9:30 the elements will be passed. At 11:00 please come forward to receive the elements by intinction. Those unable to come forward will be served in their place.

Prayer After Communion

Sending

* **HYMN 68** *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

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As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward. Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and placed in the baskets.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let every heart prepare him room,
 And heaven and nature sing. . .**

* **POSTLUDE**

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Welcome to all! Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today is Nancy Fox. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Jane Hayes and David and Jane Schmidt at 9:30; and Pat Gilbreath at 11:00. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Martin Reineman at 8:00; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Joe Schmidt, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, Dean Gilchrist, and Spaulding Clark at 9:30; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Jeannette Middleton, Jim Douglass, and Sandy Herold at 11:00.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. **Prayer team members** are Deborah Campbell and Brad Taylor (9:30), and Linda Lampman and Deborah Campbell (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Why wish upon a star? Instead, pray to the one who created it." – Anonymous

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Edsel Barker by his daughter Jennifer France and her family. The flowers are also given in celebration of Chloe Majorprice's 11th birthday, which is today! Chloe, who is much loved and cherished by her family, was born on Sunday, January 7, 2007.

Worship leadership at 9:30 and 11:00 includes the eighth grade confirmation class: Anna Gehrke, Benjamin Schneider, Cooper Fairman, Emmett Shaw, Hana Kaehr, Jackson Willmer, Jake Day, James Dabrowski, Josiah Schaafsma, Justin Rink, Margaret Crawford, Mary Corey, Riley Day, Schuyler Byrn, Sophie Licata, Veronica Sorter, William McKarns, and Zach Edwards; Essie Koenig-Reinke, Youth Ministries Coordinator; Rev. Evans McGowan, Campus Ministries Coordinator; and several high school and college students.

Some worship materials have been adapted from *U-Kirk Worship Resource, Presbyterian Church USA, 2015*.

Epiphany Stars: A Guiding Star for the Year. Epiphany, January 6, was the official end of the twelve days of Christmas. Many Christians celebrate this day by remembering the journey of the Magi. The Magi found their way to Jesus by following a bright heavenly body, usually represented by a star. Baskets full of Epiphany Stars will be shared with everyone during the Conversation with Young Disciples. Pick an Epiphany Star from the basket and let the word on the star guide you for the coming year. *May we each be guided by our chosen star and find wonderful things this year. Amen!*

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web (www.waamradio.com).

Communion Food Offering is today. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Today's financial contributions and food donations are for Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Sara VanderVoort, Barb Carlisle, and Nancy Fox. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Children’s Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare and Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. **Childcare** is available for preschoolers at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Amazing Stuff: God’s Gift for Growing Up, a class for fourth and fifth graders, begins today, at 11:00 a.m. in Room LL-4. The corresponding class for parents whose children are enrolled in *Amazing Stuff* meets in the Lewis Room at the same time.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

All-Youth Munch & Mingle is in the Youth Room at 9:20 a.m.

Sunday School Classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 is engaged in a study of the book of Acts in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the facilitator. All are welcome for study and robust discussion.

First Friends meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to discuss “Moses,” a DVD-based study by Adam Hamilton. First Friends is a self-directed adult group providing a safe place for people to share concerns and receive Christian support. All are welcome.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to begin a new series – “Creation Groans: A Series on Environmental Justice.” Today’s topic is “Dirt! Before the Flood!” Presenters are Rev. Koenig-Reinke and other educators.

Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, invites all college students to meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service each Sunday so we can treat you to lunch. We also invite you to attend “Wednesdays @ 8:00,” a weekly gathering on campus for fellowship and faithful conversation. For more information, see Revs. McGowan or Buckley.

T2A2 Small Group meets at 7:00 p.m. at Chris Wahl’s house. We will discuss Adam Hamilton’s *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say*, though reading ahead is not required. Wherever you are in your faith journey, we invite all in their 20s and 30s to come and build community with us. For more information about T2A2 opportunities, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are invited to the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education program tomorrow, Monday, January 8, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Estate Planning and Elder Law attorney Mary Schieve presents “Legal Considerations in Later Life,” covering a range of topics relating to aging and elder issues such as long term care issues, the role of the probate court, advance directives, powers of attorney, federal estate tax, what a will does and doesn’t do, what a trust is, and how to plan in case of incapacity.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, January 5, at Applebee's Restaurant, 2310 Green Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

All are invited to join the Tuesday morning women's Bible study that will begin on Tuesday, January 16. We will meet in the Curtis Room at 9:15 a.m. to study the book of Esther, using a study guide authored by Beth Moore. Books will be available for purchase for \$20. Please contact Lois Nissly, Anne Kloack or Mary Kay Gray for further information.

Finance Information:

Letting Love Show – Stewardship Update: As of January 2, 498 pledges totaling \$1,604,911 have been received. This represents 94.4% of our \$1,700,000 goal. Thank you!

When paying your financial commitment with a credit/debit card, the commitment is for one calendar year. A new authorization form, available on our website and in the Finance Office, must be filled out annually. Please contact Anna Miller if you need help with this.

2018 contribution envelopes for those who requested them are available outside the Finance Office.

We received \$9,169 in our special Christmas Eve offering to support the work of SafeHouse Center, a non-profit Ann Arbor organization whose mission is to provide safety, support, advocacy and resources for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence and their children, and to work relentlessly to change the systems and attitudes that allow this abuse to continue. Your financial gifts have been forwarded to SafeHouse Center to fund work with youth (Teen Voice), and will provide children's programming designed to break the cycle of domestic violence.

All are welcome to join two new support groups.

"STOP: Sensibly Take Off Pounds," a support group for those who are working on getting healthy and losing weight, will be led by First Pres member Gail Grady who has a background in weight loss programs and a personal story to share. The group will meet on Thursdays, January 18 – February 8, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. All are welcome as we support one another in our quest for good health.

A Divorce Recovery and Support Group, led by First Pres member Annette Fraser, with help from Rev. Rogers, will be held on Tuesday nights in March, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. We will tackle the hard topics and moments for those who are experiencing the end of a marriage. If you've come through it, are in it, or are about to begin the journey, there is help for you. Come learn, share, and support one another.

Hilltoppers welcomes award-winning author Scott Ellsworth on January 11, at noon, in the Social Hall. Dr. Scott Ellsworth teaches courses on African American history, Southern literature, and crime and justice in contemporary U.S. society at UM. His book, *The Secret Game*, won a 2016 PEN Book Award. Come hear about the book he is working on next! Lunch is \$5. Sign up with Rev. Rogers or the Church Office.

Save the date for our Women's Retreat. Our retreat will be March 9 – 10 at Maumee Bay State Park. We will explore God's grace - both in finding and sharing it. Sign ups will start mid-January. Watch for more details on our website and in Our Life Together. Sign-ups will begin this month.

First Pres hosts the Rotating Shelter beginning tomorrow, January 8 – January 22, 2018. Sleeping space will be provided for 25 men referred by the Shelter Association. Contact Rev. Rogers, Jeannette Middleton (msjett@aol.com), or John Yodhes (677-4036) to find out how you can help.

You are invited to "First Forums: A Fresh Conversation" next Sunday, January 14, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m., in the Curtis and Founders Rooms. The topic is "#MeToo, #ChurchToo." The church is called to be present and engaged with, not isolated from, the world. Each "First Forum" is an opportunity for open dialogue, respectful conversation, and faithful disagreement. Lunch is available for a \$5 contribution.

Everyone is invited to the All-Church Luncheon following the Annual Meeting of the Congregation January 28. A delicious lunch prepared by Chef Christine will be held in the Social Hall for \$7 per person with a \$28 maximum per nuclear family. Reservations are encouraged. Please sign up on the church website or call the Church Office.

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